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In re Application of :
Chang et al. :
Application No. 10/823,513 : DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: April 12, 2004 : UNDER 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6)
Atty Docket No. 1282-023/MMM :
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR § 1.78(a)(6), filed August 8, 2007, to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) for the benefit of provisional application No. 60/462,080.

The petition is **DISMISSED AS MOOT.**

The petition is accompanied by an amendment to the first sentence of the specification following the title to include a reference to the prior-filed application. While a reference to the prior-filed provisional application was not included in an Application Data Sheet (ADS) or in the first sentence of the specification following the title as required by the rules, a reference, nevertheless, was made in the declaration filed with the application.

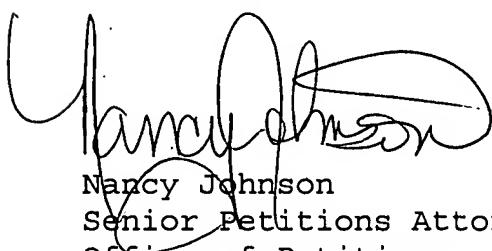
Where a claim for priority under 37 CFR §§ 1.78(a)(3) and 1.78(a)(6) is not included in the first sentence of the specification or in an ADS but does appear either in the oath or declaration or a transmittal letter filed with the application and the Office notes the claim for priority, no petition will be required to accept a late claim for priority. This is because the application would have been scheduled for publication on the basis of the information concerning the claim submitted elsewhere in the application within the time period set forth in

37 CFR §§ 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and 1.78(a)(5)(ii). On the other hand, if the USPTO does not note the claim for priority to the prior-filed applications set forth in the oath or declaration or transmittal letter submitted with the application, a petition will be required to accept a late claim for priority under 37 CFR §§ 1.78(a)(3) and 1.78(a)(6)¹. In the present case, the Office noted the claim for priority to prior-filed application No. 60/462,080 in the declaration filed with the application, as shown by its inclusion on the filing receipt.

In view of the above, the \$ 1,370 surcharge submitted is unnecessary and will be refunded in due course.

Any questions concerning this decision on petition may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3219. All other inquiries concerning either the examination procedures or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 2191 for consideration by the examiner of applicant's response to non-final Office action filed August 8, 2007.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy Johnson".

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¹ Note MPEP 201.11 (III)(D) and 66 Federal Register 67087 at 67089 (Dec. 28, 2001), effective December 28, 2001.